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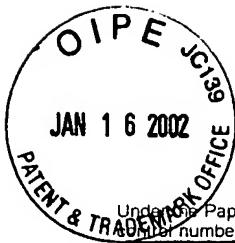
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Running Aids Claims Strategy -final 12/27-2001

1st Independent Claim [Running Aid- ortheses]

1 * brace leg (rigid) * asymmetric-travel brace foot * harness*foot/hip coupling
2 > spring & guide means
3 >>reflex bow
4 >> perpendicular bow
5 >> pulley bucky-bow
6 >>> mech. advantage
7 >>> single bow
8 >> reservoir air spring >>> air pump
10 > active + passive (use spring to slow down active)
11 >swing-phase length-change means and lock
12 >> guaranteed release
13 >>> knee-pivot lock
14 >>>> hyper-extended knee lock (presumed 2-bar)
15,16 >>>>heel coupling >>>>knee tether
17,18 >>>> toe-lift 4-bar >>>> prosthetic 4-bar
19 >>>> hyperlocker
20 >>>> leg-swing-keyed hyperlocker
21 >>>> self hyperlocker
22 >>>> low-eccentricity straightener
23 >>>> pinched-bladder no-bounce mechanism
24 >>> variable-angle lock ---
25 >>> tibia pivot lock for guaranteed release
26 >>> lockable slider
27 >>> lockable hydraulic slider with knee pivot
28 >>> lockable hydraulic slider
29 >>> simple slider
30 >>> lockable hydraulic slider
31 >>> front/back brace leg
32 >>> front/back pack extension
* asymmetric-travel brace foot
32 >curved surface
33 > retractable ends
34 >> full-stance foot trigger
351 > foot-coupling guaranteed release
* harness 36-46 > pre-snug > load-tightening * foot coupling *hip coupling

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